

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the abstract found on the last page of the specification as filed as indicated below by underlining, strikeouts, or double bracketing.

~~A locking apparatus allows a user to lock and unlock a door even if the user loses a key. The locking apparatus involves a reduced number of parts and is easy to install on a door.~~

A [[The]] locking apparatus has a lock driver [[(7)]] to electrically lock and unlock a door [[(3)]], a fingerprint read/verify unit [[(9)]] to receive a fingerprint from a user, verify the received fingerprint by comparing it with registered fingerprint data, and if the fingerprint verification authenticates the user, enable the lock driver to electrically operate , a key cylinder [[(25)]] attached to the door, an interlock (35) to interlock interlink linking the key cylinder with the lock driver, and a key [[(31)]] to manually operate the lock driver in cooperation with the key cylinder and interlock the interlink.